IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Charles Lee Coates

NOVEMBER 28, 1938 - MARCH 26, 2011

Charles Lee Coates was born in Los Angeles, CA to Charley Coates (Light-Heavy Weight Boxing Champion of California) and Georgia Mae Coates on Nov 28, 1938. Charles grew up in the Bay Area between Berkeley and Richmond, CA.

At the age of 18, Charles left home and enlisted in the military with the United States Air Force. Charles was active in the Air Force from (1956 – 1959), until he was honorably discharged. After his time in the military, he moved back to Richmond, CA and Charles continued his devotion to service when he was appointed to Human Relations Commissioner for the city of Richmond (1968 – 1971). Mr. Coates was 28 years of age, the youngest Commissioner in the history of Richmond.

Between the years of (1969 – 1991) he educated and mentored young chefs as the Supervisor Chef at the Maritime Academy. At the same time he served in the Department of Education for the School for the Deaf from (1975 – 1991). Charles then with the love for the culinary arts he took his experience behind the gates of Duel Vocational Institution (DVI) prison in Tracy, CA as the Supervisor Chef from (1991 – 1993).

Charles always loved sports and was a proud San Francisco 49ers, Los Angeles Lakers and Los Angeles Dodgers fan. His all time favorite athletes were SF Giant slugger Willie Mays and LA Dodger pitcher Sandy Koufax. He also was a huge music lover and had great taste in R & B and Soul music. Notable musicians he would have in his cassette player were B.B. King, Jackie Wilson, Bobby "Blue" Bland, Otis Redding & Bobby Womack to name a few.

Charles is survived by his two sons Charlton W. Coates the oldest and Rob C. Coates. They both have four grandsons between them, all boys in Charlton (Chuck) Coates Jr, Deitore Coates, Jalen Coates and Rob's son Jordan Coates.

Charles was a devoted Christian who accepted Christ as a young man. He believed deeply in God's word and found joy in reading his word and will have peace in Heaven with God.

"By His power God raised the Lord from the dead, and He will raise us also"

1 Corinthians 6:14

Memorial of Charles Lee Coates

Venue.....Impact Community Church

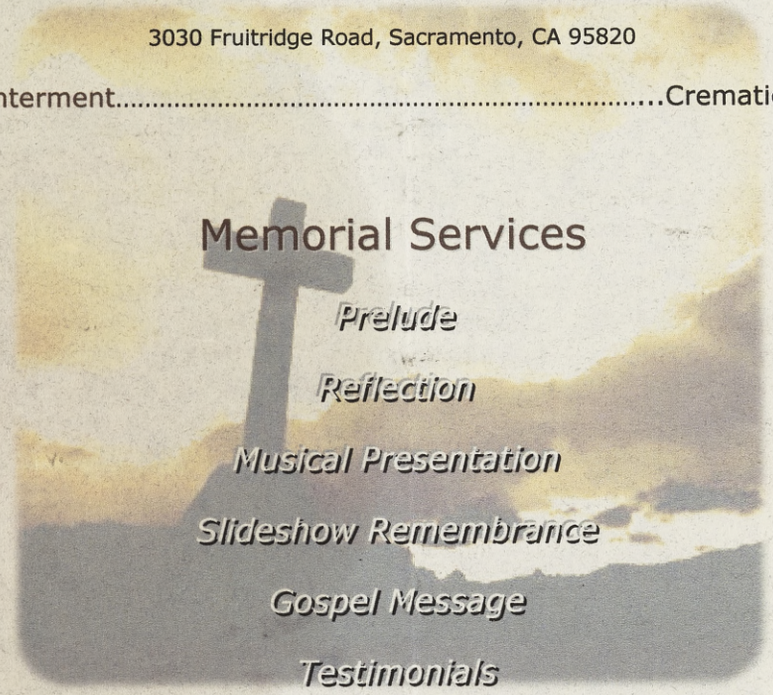
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Leader.....Elder Ernie Cabrera

Mortuary.....Evergreen Memorial

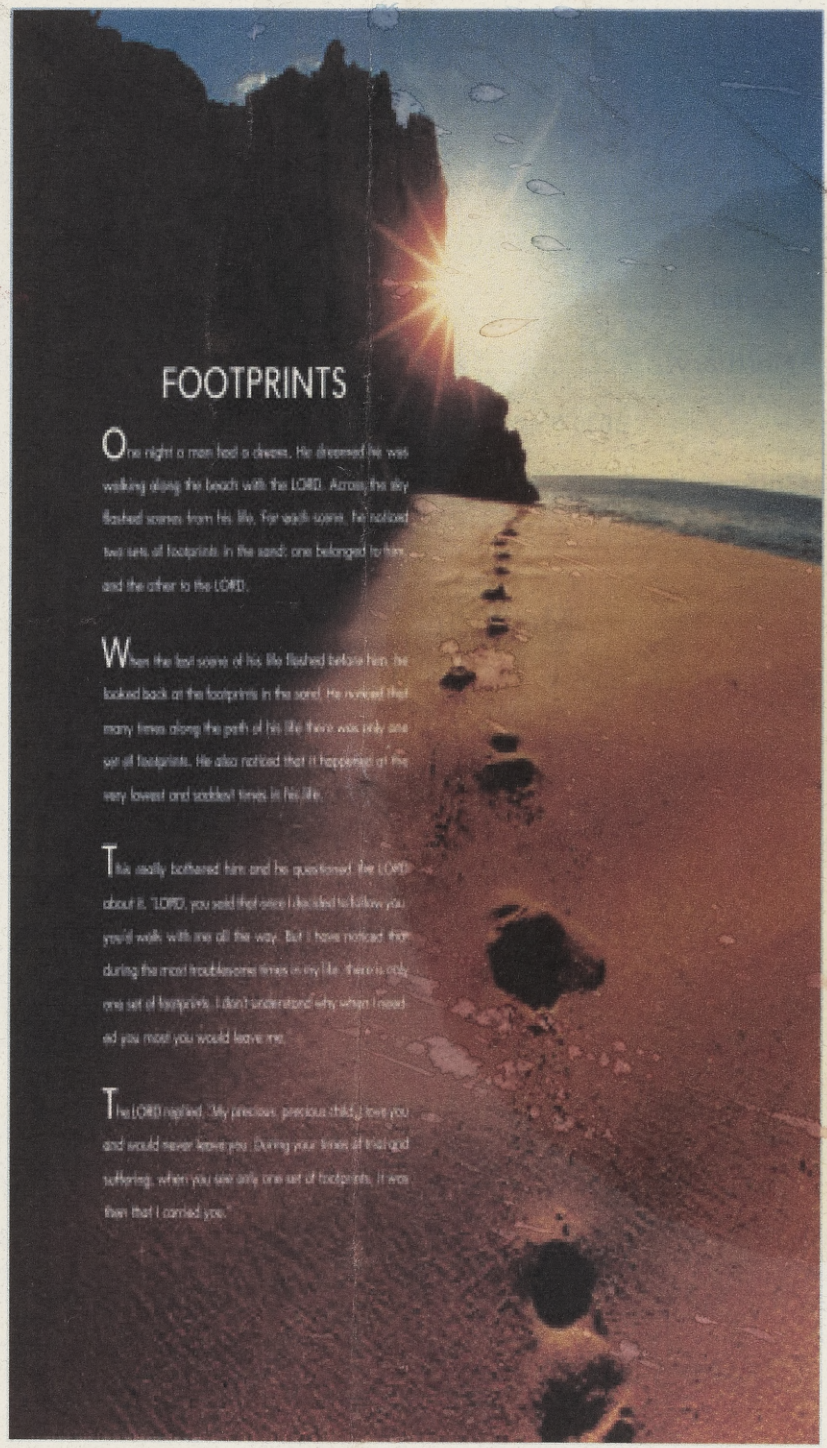
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Interment.....Cremation



"A special thank you to all who prayed and supported the family by coming, giving, or sending cards of condolences. We express great appreciation for the love and care that we received. "

The Coates Family



FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonged to him and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."